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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

DECLARES FRANCE IS PERFECTLY NEUTRAL

Government Sends Important Orders To Minister.

JAPANESE ARE HARD TO PACIFY

They Believe Admiral Rojestvensky Remains in Kamranh Harbor With Full Knowledge of France--Russians Minister to China Dies.

Paris, April 22.—As a result of the communications between the governments at Paris and St. Petersburg the Russian government has forwarded urgent orders to Admiral Rojestvensky to rigorously respect the neutrality of French waters. This is a precautionary measure. In addition special instructions have been sent to the governor-general of Indo-China, M. Beau, and Foreign Minister Delcasse has instructed the French minister at Tokio to give the Japanese minister for foreign affairs assurances that it is France's purpose to preserve strict neutrality, these being similar to the assurances given to Dr. Motono, the Japanese minister at Paris.

Situation at Tokio.

Tokio, April 21, 8:30 a. m.—The Japanese regard the Kamranh bay incident with a growing feeling of resentment and bitterness toward France. It is popularly believed that the Russian fleet is still at Kamranh bay and is making the freest possible use of the port. The demands for strong action on the part of Japan are daily growing louder. Political parties and other organizations are passing resolutions condemning France's alleged violation of the neutrality. It is proposed to hold a great popular demonstration. The Nichi-Nichi today asserts that the evidence is conclusive that Admiral Rojestvensky is using Kamranh bay as an actual naval base for belligerent action.

The Jiji discusses France's historical attitude on the question of neutrality, and insists that the use of Kamranh bay enhances Admiral Rojestvensky's fighting capacity, and offers facilities for war-like preparations. Continuing, it says if from the complication grave consequences result to Russia, France will be responsible.

A former cabinet minister, in discussing the incident today said: "We are keenly anxious to avoid involving others, but we are bound to protect our rights. If France gives Russia the use of Kamranh bay, why cannot England allow us to use Hong Kong?"

Russian Minister to China Dies.

Peking, April 22.—M. Paul Lessar, Russian minister to China, whose foot was recently amputated, died last night.

M. Lessar, who was counsellor of the Russian embassy in London, was appointed Russian minister to China in July, 1901. The deceased minister distinguished himself as the negotiator with the Chinese of the proposed amendments to the Russo-Chinese Manchurian treaty. In 1901 he began a series of meetings with Prince Ching and Wang-Wen-Shao, who urged strong modifications of the old agreement, made with the late Li-Hung Chang, in order to maintain the sovereignty of China over Manchuria. Russia, through M. Lessar, agreed to some of the Chinese demands, but the war with Japan ended the diplomatic negotiations on the subject.

British Squadron Getting Active.

Hong Kong, April 22.—There is a noticeable activity among the British squadron. The armored cruiser Hogue has been ordered to be in readiness to proceed to sea at two hours' notice with full steam.

Taft Gets Copy of Note.

Washington, April 22, Mr. H. H. Taft, the Japanese charge d'affaires here, has presented to Secretary Taft a copy of the note presented by the Japanese minister in Paris yesterday to the French foreign office in relation to the observance of neutrality toward Rojestvensky's fleet.

Germans Leave Japanese Army.

Tokio, April 22.—Major Prince Carl Anton Von Hohenzollern arrived at Moji today from the headquarters of the Japanese army where he has been the representative of Emperor William. General Prince Kanin accompanied Prince Carl from Manchuria. The latter is coming to Tokio.

WILL BUILD GREAT RAILROAD.

Plans Are Completed for the Construction of Western Pacific.

New York, April 22.—Plans have been completed in Wall street according to the Herald by which funds for the construction of the Western Pacific railroad are absolutely assured. A syndicate of street banking houses is stated to have agreed to buy \$50,000,000 of these bonds from the company, the proceeds of the sale of which will complete a line from Salt Lake to Oakland, Cal. These banking houses, it is understood, will participate in the issue. On its completion the Western Pacific will become an integral part of the Gould system from the Atlantic to the Pacific and will complete the first line across the United States under one management. At present the Gould system terminus is at Salt Lake, on the west. The eastern line to the seaboard at Baltimore is now being completed through connections at Pittsburgh between the Wabash, West Virginia Central and the Western Maryland.

ITALIANS HAVE MENINGITIS.

Emigrants from that Country Stricken with Dread Disease.

New York, April 22.—Cerebro-spinal meningitis has caused 22 more deaths in New York Thursday. This compares with 13 on the day before. A report has just been received by the health department from the government officials that Angello Mazza, an emigrant boy from Italy, is dead at Ellis island from the same disease.

Immigration officials refused all information in regard to the case, it is said that 100,000 foreigners have reached this country since Mazza's arrival. Among them is one Italian family which located in Harlem. Four children in the family were stricken soon after and a search of health department records is said to show that many of those who died during the winter were recent arrivals from Italy.

Horses Sell at Fancy Prices.

New York, April 22.—Some high prices have been received at a sale of show horses brought here by T. M. Tichenor & Co., of Chicago. James Hobart More made two of the highest bids recorded. He paid \$5,500 for Bond and Lillard, a cross matched pair of dapple gray and coalblack geldings bred in Kentucky. Shinnel brothers out bid Judge Moore on Store and Tempest, matched pair of bay geldings, which they secured for \$8,300. The highest priced horses sold was May Morning, which was purchased by Judge Moore for \$2,650. A brown gelding saddle horse, Minsirel, brought \$1,000.

Italian Railway Strike Ended.

Rome, April 22.—The railway strike may be considered to have ended. The committee of socialist deputies has obtained from Premier Fortis a promise to study the scheme for arbitration to be adopted in the case of the differences between workmen and the government. In the future the latter will consult the representatives of the railroad organizations with a view to learning their requirements and propositions. It was also agreed that if the strike ceases promptly there will be no dismissals, transfers or other punishment of strikers. After this understanding with the government cipher telegrams were sent to the railroad men throughout Italy notifying them to be ready to assume their various employments.

Trading Stamp Company Fails.

Philadelphia, April 22.—The Globe Bond Trading Stamp company with headquarters in this city has closed its doors. Hundreds of women with books filled already for redemption called at the company's store today only to find that it had been vacated. The company had been in business here for several months and had made a wide distribution of its stamps.

PROCEEDINGS OF STATE LEGISLATORS

Recent Law Revisions to Go to Committee for Examination.

JIM CROW BILL PASSED HOUSE

Short Session of the Senate—Bill to Declare Williston Incorporated—Internal Improvement Bill Passed—Key West Railroad Gaining Friends.

Tallahassee, April 22.—In the Senate yesterday morning a resolution was received from the House providing for the appointment of a joint committee of nine to examine the compilation and revision of the laws of Florida as prepared by the special committee and report on same, which was concurred in, the President appointing Senators Massey, Raney, Blount and Harris.

Senator Alford introduced a concurrent resolution memorializing Congress to make an appropriation of \$10,000 for the improvement of the Ocklockonee river.

New Bills.

The following new bills were introduced:

By Senator Crane—To amend the law relative to the establishment of criminal court of record in Hillsboro county; also to prescribe fees of sheriffs in lunacy proceedings.

By Senator Carter—Declaring the town of Williston legally incorporated; also to provide method of assistance to electors who are blind, crippled, or otherwise unable to exercise the privilege.

By Senator Massey—To validate the acknowledgment of deeds and conveyances taken before justices of the peace of other States bearing no official seal.

Senator Blount's bill to authorize the city of Pensacola to issue negotiable bonds for municipal purposes and provide for the payment thereof, was advanced to its third reading and passed by a vote of 27 to 0.

The Senate then adjourned until 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

Appointments Confirmed.

In the executive session the Senate today confirmed the following appointments by the Governor: H. C. Gordon to be judge of the criminal court of record in and for Hillsboro county.

George P. Raney, Jr., to be solicitor of the criminal court of record in and for Hillsboro county.

In the House.

Tallahassee, April 22.—In the House yesterday Mr. Duval of Wakulla offered a concurrent resolution asking the Florida delegation in Congress to work for an appropriation of \$10,000 for the improvement of the Ocklockonee river, which was read the second time and passed, the House concurring in a similar resolution from the Senate.

The following new bills were introduced:

Mr. Wells of Hillsboro—To regulate business of banking in this State. Also a bill for protection of public highways in this State. Also a bill to amend law establishing Criminal Court of Record of Hillsboro county.

Mr. Nobles of Lake—For protection of deer. Also a bill to prohibit use of automatic or repeating shot guns in hunting of birds in this State.

Mr. McElroy of Levy—To amend law incorporating Williston, Levy county. Also a bill to declare Williston a legally incorporated town. Also a bill to provide a method of assistance of electors of State under certain disabilities.

Mr. Cornwell of Manatee—To cure informalities in execution of certain deeds made by married women.

Mr. Roberts of Monroe—To prevent minors under fifteen working in factories. Also a bill to amend law relating to record and conveyance of real estate.

Mr. Wall of Putnam—To require trustees of internal improvement to turn over to State auditor all their books, records, vouchers and accounts for checking and report by the State auditor, the report to be filed with the Legislature of 1907. The rules were

waived and this bill was read three times and passed by the House, 57 to 0.

Mr. Dorman of Suwannee—To prescribe the fees of sheriffs in lunacy proceedings.

Mr. Robison of Leon—For the relief of Leon county. This is a claim on behalf of Leon county for reimbursement to the county by the State of about \$2,800, money paid out by the county for rent of an armory for the use of State troops.

Mr. Avery's bill to require street car companies and others in this State to furnish separate cars or divisions for white and colored passengers; to require said companies and others to keep white and colored passengers in their respective cars or divisions; to give conductors and employees of said companies police powers, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, was passed by the House without opposition.

The House then adjourned until next Monday afternoon.

Legislative Notes.

A large number of members of the Legislature left here on a special train at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon for Pensacola on an invitation from the chamber of commerce of that city to visit the fleet of United States naval vessels now in that port. They will return at noon Monday.

The examination of witnesses in the Brown-Baskin case closed Friday. The arguments of the attorneys for the contestants will be heard on Monday afternoon.

Senators were given an opportunity to express themselves on the Key West railroad extension Friday on the test vote. The voting was an amendment, but the final vote in the Senate will take place on Monday afternoon. The vote in the Senate on the bill's final passage will not be so close as on the amendments, unless present predictions fail. The friends of the bill think they have eighteen or nineteen votes. It will go to the House early next week. The importance of the extension of a line of railroad from the mainland to the island of Key West is, in the minds of those interested in the development of the State, paramount to any proposition that has been disclosed in the history of Florida since it became the property of the United States.

Death of Young Child.

The numerous friends in this city of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lock of Dunnellon will regret to learn of the death of their little 4-year-old daughter, Charlotte, which occurred Friday night. They formerly resided here, and the information was received with a great deal of sadness.

Rev. F. H. Craighill of Holy Trinity Church was summoned to conduct the funeral, which was held at Dade City. He was accompanied by Master Edward Lock, brother of the deceased, who was in this city at the time of her death.

Anti-Cigarette League.

The Anti-Cigarette League, an organization composed of boys who are willing to take an obligation not to smoke the deadly cigarette, has been organized in this city.

At the meeting held Friday evening in the reading room of the W. C. T. U., Russell Albright was elected president unanimously. This young man was largely instrumental in organizing the League.

The next meeting will be held Friday evening, when other officers will be elected.

Looking for Oil in Florida.

Tifton, Ga., April 22.—W. J. Henderson, president of the Tifton Oil company, who is in Washington county, Florida, watching the progress of the boring for oil, and the Bainbridge Oil company, wires the stockholders at Tifton that a fine grade of petroleum has been struck, and that it is very black and that several barrels were drawn out with the bailer. The Tifton Oil company owns a hundred acres of land, or more, adjoining that of the Bainbridge people, and the stockholders here believe that after the proper depth has been bored a flow of oil will be reached.

MUST DEPRIVE HYDE OF IMMENSE POWER

Declares General Agents To Insurance Commissioner.

ALL FAVOR MUTUALIZATION PLAN

Policy Holders' Interests in Equitable Assurance Society Must Be Protected, Says General Agent Rowes, and Hyde Must Be Removed.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 22.—The general agents' committee of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States arrived in this city this morning and arranged a conference at noon with Superintendent of Insurance Francis Hendricks.

Joseph Bowes, of Baltimore, was spokesman of the committee. To Mr. Hendricks the state superintendent of insurance, Mr. Bowes, reviewed the action of the agents' convention in favor of mutualization and then made an address. He declared the agents were in position to know what policy holders wanted. The prevailing conditions had alarmed the policy holders. The original plan of the foundation, he declares, contemplated mutualization. For the first time the question of ownership of the vast surplus had arisen. The time had come for a change, and when the society could no longer be regarded as the patrimony of one man. He was informed on reliable authority, he said, that 38 or 40 directors did not own the requisite amount of stock required by the charter. There is no animosity among the agents against Mr. Hyde, he said, "but a change must be made to deprive him of the immense power he yields." The compromise effect was a miserable one, which is disappointing the realization of which will be delayed by litigation. The policy holders in the mean time suffer.

Mr. Hyde's elevation, he asserted, was due to the sentiment because of his descent from the founder. For five years he had been watched, helped and forgiven until sentiment was exhausted.

E. A. Woods, of Pittsburg, president of the agents, next addressed Mr. Hendricks. He told of the immense tangible interests of the agents and declared that under the present system of control the Equitable stock could be transferred to a party even more dangerous than Mr. Hyde. The agents were opposed to any change, which did not conserve the interests of policy holders.

Chicago Man Wants Receiver.

Chicago, April 22.—A bill for the appointment of a receiver for the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, and seeking an accounting, was filed in the United States circuit court here today by Attorney D. J. Schuyler. The petition is filed in the name of Abraham Sitron and others, policy holders in the society. Sitron says he holds a \$2,000 policy in the society and that his interests are being dissipated by the officers and directors of the society. He names specifically President J. W. Alexander and Vice President James H. Hyde.

Home for Sick Letter Carriers.

Cleveland, O., April 22.—A home for the sick and invalid letter carriers will be established on a tract of 250 acres of land at the edge of the city of Colorado Springs, Colo. To gather data on the subject and get the matter before the national convention in proper form a special form has been authorized to investigate the idea at the meeting of officers' council of the national association of letter carriers in session here.

Tragedy at Hot Springs.

Hot Springs, April 22.—T. J. Cavanaugh, a bricklayer from St. Louis, emptied a revolver into a number of brick masons here today. John Madigan, of Clinton, Mass., was instantly killed. In a scuffle for safety, several of the laborers were severely hurt. The trouble arose over the differences in local brick layers' union matters. Cavanaugh has been arrested and is in jail.